

Exhibit 3: Project Letters  
**California State Senate**

**SENATOR  
PATRICIA WIGGINS  
SECOND SENATE DISTRICT**



**STANDING COMMITTEES:**  
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CHAIR

January 7, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Re: Support for Senestraro Property Project**

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Conservancy's authorization of funds to plan for the potential fee acquisition of the Senestraro property in Eureka.

Purchase of the Senastraro property is important to restoring Martin Slough. The preferred restoration alternative for Martin Slough involves multiple actions on the Senastraro property, including restoring wetlands, widening the channel of Martin Slough, and restoring riparian vegetation on the slough banks. Ownership of this key parcel will provide flexibility in the final restoration design. Flooding of roads, agricultural land, and the golf course has reduced the economic and recreational values of the Martin Slough area where the Senestraro property is located. Further, degradation of fish and waterfowl habitat, have diminished the ecological value of the area. Both factors clearly establish a need for the restoration of Martin Slough, and the acquisition of the Senestraro property is critical to the restoration.

I urge the Conservancy to take this important step to restore Martin Slough.

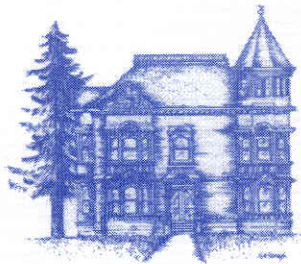
Sincerely,

*Pat Wiggins*  
PATRICIA WIGGINS  
Senator, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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OAKLAND, CALIF.**

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# Redwood Community Action Agency

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Support for Senestraro Property Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the Conservancy's authorization of funds to plan for the potential fee acquisition of the Senestraro property in Eureka.

Purchase of the Senestraro property is important to restoring Martin Slough. With funding from the Conservancy, and cost shares from the Department of Water Resources, the City of Eureka, and Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA), an enhancement plan (Martin Slough Enhancement Feasibility Study 2006, SCC Agmt. #01-153) was developed to partially restore tidal processes, improve fish passage to the highly critical salmonid rearing habitat offered by Martin Slough, restore brackish and freshwater wetlands, and enhance riparian vegetation for the benefit of fish and wildlife in Martin Slough, Elk River, and Humboldt Bay. The plan was developed in close cooperation with Mr. Senestraro and balances preservation of agricultural land with habitat restoration. Ownership of this key parcel will provide flexibility in the final restoration design, currently being developed by the RCAA with funding from the State Water Resources Control Board. Flooding of roads, agricultural land, and the golf course has reduced the economic and recreational values of the Martin Slough area where the Senestraro property is located. Further, degradation of fish and waterfowl habitat have diminished the ecological value of the area. Both factors clearly establish a need for the restoration of Martin Slough, and the acquisition of the Senestraro property is critical to the restoration.

We hope that the Conservancy will take this important step to protect coastal agriculture and restore the valuable fish and wildlife habitat afforded by Martin Slough.

Sincerely,

  
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## CITY OF EUREKA

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February 3, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Subject:** *Letter of Support for Senestraro Property Acquisition*

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The City of Eureka would like to express their support for the Conservancy's authorization of a grant to prepare for the fee acquisition of the Senestraro property in Eureka (APN's 301-211-006, -007, 310-221-001, and 302-161-003). The property is located at the confluence of Martin Slough and Swain Slough and is currently utilized for grazing. Purchase of the Senestraro property is critical to the eventual restoration and enhancement of Martin Slough. Based on the Martin Slough Enhancement Feasibility Study (July 2007), the preferred alternative to meet the identified objectives of reducing flooding impacts and enhancing in-stream and riparian habitat would involve work on the Senestraro Property. The proposed work would include restoring wetlands, widening the Martin Slough channel, and restoring riparian vegetation on the slough banks.

Continual flooding of property in the vicinity of lower Martin Slough, including flooding of roads, agricultural land and the Eureka Municipal Golf Course, has impacted land values in the area as well as recreational values associated with the golf course. In addition, degradation of fish and waterfowl habitat has diminished the ecological value of the area. These factors clearly establish a need for the restoration of Martin Slough, and the acquisition of the Senestraro Property is critical to accomplishing the restoration.

We are aware that restrictions limiting the future uses of property acquired with Conservancy funding are normally part of a purchase agreement. It is important that any such restrictions placed on the Senestraro property not preclude construction and maintenance activities that may be required to meet all of the Martin Slough Enhancement Plan goals and objectives, and insure they can be fully and reasonably executed without undue hardship and expense. As a partner in the Martin Slough Enhancement Plan, the City would like the opportunity to review and comment on any such restrictions.

The City of Eureka hopes that the Conservancy will support the Martin Slough Restoration Project by authorizing the grant. If you have any questions, please feel free to contract me at 707-441-4140, or Lisa Savage at 707-441-4186.

Sincerely,

  
David W. Tyson  
City Manager

Cc: Mayor and City Council  
Kurt Gierlich, City Engineer  
Lisa Savage, Project/Property Manager

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